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DEC. 16-18 REVIEW OF UNEP INDUSTRY PROGRAM

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1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT REVIEW WITH MICHAEL HOPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL UNIT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT, DEC. 14. WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH FAIRCLOUGH WHO WAS ALREADY IN PARIS FOR HIGH-LEVEL OECD MEETING. HOPE WILL, HOWEVER, INCLUDE COPY OF OUR TALKING PAPER BASED ON REFTEL IN BRIEFING DOCUMENTS BEING SENT TO PARIS FOR HIM. HOPE IS CONFIDENT U.S. AND UK DELS WILL BE ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER IN TRYING TO GIVE UNEP INDUSTRY PROGRAM MORE USEFUL FOCUS.

2. REVIEW OF UK BRIEFING DOCUMENTS REVEALED THAT US/UK POSITIONS ON INDUSTRY SEMINARS ARE VERY CLOSE. THEY AGREE THAT ATTEMPT MUST BE MADE TO REDUCE CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE OF SEMINARS AND THAT ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WOULD BE USEFUL INITIATIVE. THEY ALSO AGREE THAT UNEP SHOULD IMPROVE ITS LINKS WITH OTHER UN AND INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WILL ASK FOR REGULAR REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRY PROGRAM. UK DEL WILL PROPOSE UNEP PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON FACT-GATHERING EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF INDUSTRY. UK WILL ALSO PROPOSE THAT REGIONAL MEETINGS, WHICH INCLUDE SEMINARS ON KEY TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, MIGHT REPLACE INDUSTRY SEM-
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